

Work Task B4:	Dexter National Fish Hatchery
Partners:	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation)
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Purpose:	Rear razorback sucker and bonytail to contribute to the LCR MSCP Fish Augmentation Program.
Conservation Measures:	RASU3, RASU4, BONY3, and BONY4
Long-term Goal:	Increase native fish production capabilities. The two principal fishes to be reared are razorback sucker and bonytail. The goal is to rear and stock over 1.2 million native fish. Dexter Hatchery is an integral part of the Fish Augmentation Program and will be the key production facility for bonytail.
Location:	Dexter National Fish Hatchery, New Mexico
FY05 Estimate:	\$142,000 has been obligated from FY05 funds under an interagency agreement for work at the hatchery.
Project Description:	This project will rear razorback sucker and bonytail for release into the lower river as part of the LCR MSCP's Fish Augmentation Program. Dexter National Fish Hatchery is managed and operated by the Fish and Wildlife Service. The facility maintains the only brood stock for bonytail in the world, and also maintains a backup brood stock of razorback sucker. Work scheduled for FY05 includes maintaining extant brood fish and producing young for use in the LCR MSCP program. Target production for FY05 is 75,000 fingerling bonytail for distribution to other hatcheries; rear 500-1000 razorback sucker to 350 mm or greater; and rear 3000- 5000 bonytail to 300 mm or greater.
FY04 Accomplishment:	More than 5,000 razorback sucker and 12,000 bonytail were reared to stocking size, tagged and repatriated to the lower Colorado River.